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The Honorable Tim Kaine Governor State of Virginia Office of the Governor Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor 1111 East Broad Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: State Operating Permit for Mirant Potomac River Generating Station

Dear Governor Kaine:

I am writing to you on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 1900 asking you to urge the Virginia State Air Pollution Control Board to adopt the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Consent Order for the Mirant Potomac River Generating Station presented on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The DEQ's April 10<sup>th</sup> proposal includes stringent environmental standards that protect public health and enable the PRGS to produce reliable and affordable electricity for the D.C. region, which, as you know, is energy constrained. DEQ has stated that this proposal is protective of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Absent your support of the DEQ's proposal, the PRGS may not be able to viably operate and hundreds of jobs will be in jeopardy. These are jobs not just at the power plant but hundreds of related industries in VA who have contractual relationships with the Mirant power plant. Additionally, the D.C. region could lose a major source of reliable and low-cost energy that would threaten national security, jeopardize consumer pricing, further stress low energy supply, and present environmental problems related to water supply and waste management.

On behalf of the IBEW, which is 1700 strong, and those who support reasonable fact-based solutions, I urge you to strongly consider encouraging the Board to



adopt the DEQ's recent proposal. The IBEW does not want to see the community and government face unnecessary problems as a result of short-sighted decisions.

Thank you,

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